

HOUSE BILL 2721

By Fincher

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 24-5-113(a)(3), relative to health care provider bills as evidence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 24-5-113(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(3) This prima facie presumption shall apply to the medical, hospital and doctor bills itemized with copies of bills attached to the complaint or civil warrant; provided that the total amount of such bills does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000). On each January 1 starting in 2009, the sum shall be increased to the nearest one dollar (\$1.00) amount to reflect the percentage of change according to the medical care component of the consumer price index as determined by the United States bureau of labor statistics.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.